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January Events at the Carter Presidential Library Author Lectures & Final Days to See First Ladies Exhibit

- Jan. 7th.. 2 pm Barbara Perry, author of *Jacqueline Kennedy: First Lady of the New Frontier*
Jan. 8th.. 2pm Susan Neill, “*Dressing the Part*” lecture on First Lady clothing
Jan. 16th.. *First Ladies: Political Role and Public Image* final Day
Jan. 20th..7:30pm Jack McCallum, author of *Leonard Wood: Rough Rider, Surgeon, Architect of American Imperialism*
Jan. 27th..7:30pm Canadian authors Alistair MacLeod & Nino Ricci discuss their books
Jan.31 ..7:30pm Pulitzer Prize-winning author Taylor Branch discusses his new book on the Civil Rights movement

Atlanta, GA.- The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library’s popular *First Ladies: Political Role and Public Image* exhibition comes to an end on Monday, January 16th. This extraordinary exhibit, created by the Smithsonian Institution, features gowns, jewelry, china, political memorabilia and personal items from first ladies from Martha Washington to Laura Bush.

In connection with the exhibit, Barbara Perry, author of *Jacqueline Kennedy: First Lady of the New Frontier*, will have a free lecture at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 7th. The lecture is free and open to the public.

The following day, Susan Neill, the curator of textiles and social history at the Atlanta History Center, will discuss first ladies’ fashions. Neill will give visitors insight into the way the first ladies’ dresses and accessories provide a picture of the times in which they lived and the role they played. Neill will speak at 2 p.m. on Sunday, January 8th. Her lecture is also free and open to the public.

On January 20th, Jack McCallum will be featured at an author lecture and book signing. McCallum is the author of *Leonard Wood: Rough Rider, Surgeon, Architect of American Imperialism*. McCallum, a neurosurgeon who also teaches history at Texas Christian University, provides a vivid portrait of this nearly forgotten icon of American imperialism. According to McCallum, it was Leonard Wood, along with his closest friend Teddy Roosevelt, who helped transform the United States into a global power at the dawn of the 20th century.

Jack McCallum will speak at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, January 20th. The lecture and book signing is free and open to the public.

Canadian authors Alistair MacLeod and Nino Ricci will speak at the Carter Presidential Library on Friday, January 27th. MacLeod published his first novel *No Great Mischiefs* in 1999. It follows the lives of several generations of a family that emigrates from Scotland to Cape Breton, the setting of many of MacLeod's

short stories. The success of *No Great Mischief* was followed in 2000 by *Island*, which collects in a single volume all of his previously published short stories and one new one.

Canadian author Nino Ricci, introduces readers to a different, more earthly Jesus in his book *Testament*. Following in the footsteps of the best historical-fiction writers, Ricci re-imagines the life of Jesus, steeping his narrative in highly detailed, well-researched background. By weaving together a plausible tale based on fact, he illuminates Jesus as a flesh-and-blood human with foibles and idiosyncrasies who lived his life in a specific time and place.

MacLeod and Ricci will speak at 7:30 p.m. The lecture is open to the public at no charge.

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Taylor Branch comes to the Carter Presidential Library on Tuesday, January 31st. Branch will discuss his new book, *At Canaan's Edge: America in the King Years, 1965-68*. It is the third volume of Branch's extraordinary history of the Civil Rights years of Martin Luther King. According to Branch, "King's life is the best and most important metaphor for American history in the watershed postwar years," but this is not just a biography. It is a work of history, with King at its focal point.

Branch will speak at 7:30 in the Carter Center Cecil B. Day Chapel. The lecture and book-signing are free and open to the public.

The Jimmy Carter Library and Museum is open Monday through Saturday from 9 am until 4:45 pm and on Sunday from noon until 4:45. The museum is closed Christmas Day, New Years Day and Thanksgiving. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$5 for seniors (60 +), military and students with IDs. Those 16 and under are always free. Parking is free.

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